Appl. No. 10/828,662 RCE dated 12-13-2006 Attorney Docket No. 3824-032373

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/828,662

Confirmation No. 4928

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Shuhei KITANO

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April 21, 2004

Title

FIRM THADEN

High Strength Steel for Induction Hardening

Art Unit

1742

Examiner

Deborah Yee

Customer No.

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MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action dated June 13, 2006. Applicants filed an Amendment After Final Rejection on November 9, 2006, with a two-month extension of time fee of \$450. An Advisory Action issued December 1, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this three-month extension of time on December 13, 2006. The three-month extension of time fee of \$1,020 is reduced by \$450, namely, to \$570. Therefore, the three-month extension of time fee of \$570 is now due.

A check in the amount of \$1360 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee of \$790 and extension fee of \$570.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

THE WEBB LAW FIRM

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 13, 2006.

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